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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005, and preliminary to the examination of the RCE being filed concurrently with this amendment, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.